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Subject: Supporting Information for Benthic Risk Evaluation

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Bob, as you aware, the LWG will be providing an updated benthic risk evaluation in November. Based on an initial review of the benthic risk evaluation provided in the baseline ecological risk assessment, EPA is requesting that the following information be included along with the revised benthic risk evaluation to facilitate our review of the predictive models.

Information should be provided electronically as spreadsheet files.

- Output FPM files for the optimal solution for each bioassay test and for both the low and high screening levels. We recognize that these will be large files.
- A table showing the results of all runs for each bioassay test using the range of false negative values.
- A table of potential SQG values (for both low and high screen) from which the lowest one was selected.
- The FPM files showing the calculation of reliability results using the pooled dataset for the selected SQG values.
- A table showing the reliability results using the pooled dataset for the national sediment screening values.
- It would also be helpful to have the FPM files for the runs prior to removing about one dozen chemicals to create the final chemical list.
- The formulas for calculation of reliability should be included (as well as specifying how the reliability for each low/mod/high thresholds were calculated).
- The LRM results should be provided, including all models developed, the number of samples used in model development, and the normalized chisquare goodness of fit.
- Document classification of samples as PYO and PTO. Is there an analysis
 to support this that has been distributed or a list of samples with the
 classification?

Thanks, Eric